

Re: Letter to the editor: The Economist

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Subject: Letter to the editor: The Economist

Hi Minister:

With some "suggestions" from PMO, we have landed on language for a letter to the editor of The Economist responding to their dyspeptic editorial from last Friday. Marco is to co-sign. PMO is offering to Freeland too. Waiting on both at the moment. Wanted you to signoff on the agreed-to draft:

To the Editor:

Re: Leader: "Justin Trudeau's crackdown on protests could make things worse"

The illegal blockades and occupations taking place across Canada in recent weeks are not normal "peaceful" protest.

These have been well-organized, well-funded attempts to damage Canada's economy, undermine Canadian democracy and reverse the result of a free and fair election, and take away the freedoms of other Canadians by harassing them in their neighbourhoods and workplaces. Leaders of these protests have links to ideologically motivated violent extremists. A significant portion of their funding is coming from outside Canada. They have pushed out terabytes of misinformation and disinformation, a significant portion of which is coming from beyond Canada's borders. Their explicit goal was to replace our government.

The invocation of the Emergencies Act did not curtail anyone's free speech rights, in fact the Act is subject to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. It was done, reluctantly, to provide law enforcement with the necessary tools to end illegal blockades and occupations. That has allowed the free movement of goods that require access to critical infrastructure. It means people in Ottawa can walk the streets without being harassed, businesses can re-open after being forced to close for three weeks.

Canadians know what a peaceful protest looks like. The illegal blockades and occupations were something else entirely.

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